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He shoots...

Fort Erie Meteors' goalie, Zoe Zolnowski, attempts to stop a flying puck during a junior B hockey game against Niagara Falls Canucks last Friday at the Niagara Falls Arena. Although he displayed winning form, the Canucks won the game 14-2, keeping them in top spot, while the Meteors remained in last. Sharing goaling duty with Zolnowski was Tim Griffs. Together they faced 62 shots from the Canucks. Photo by Helen Doan

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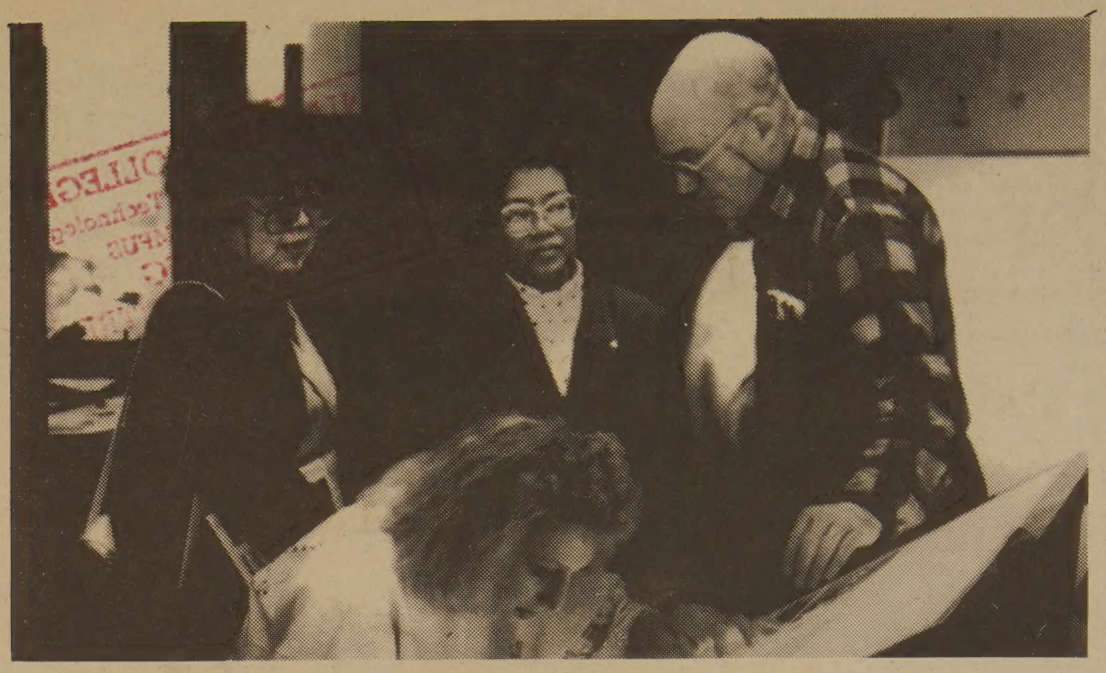

Koay Guat Cheng and Tan Cheng Ee of Penang, Malaysia, watch second-year journalism student Barb Horning paste up copy as program co-ordinator Austin Jelbert explains the process. The pair also visited the Early Childhood and dental areas of the college before going to the Mack Nursing Centre and Horticulture Divjsion in St. Catharines. The visits to the different facilities is part of their fact-finding mission on education in China. Photo by Donald Wilsack

Malaysian educators tour Welland campus

By DONALD WILSACK
Staff Writer

Niagara provided an "enriching and new" experience to two educators from Malaysia who toured the Welland campus on Jan. 21 as part of a fact-finding mission on education in Canada.

"It was an enriching experience," Tan Cheng Ee said of their first visit to a community college. "We feel if a person is a university student, they will get the jobs but here it is different."

"This community college is something very new for us," Koay Guat Cheng said. "We do need this style."

Ms. Tan and Ms Koay, training officers in chemistry and biology respectively, represent the Regional Centre for Education in Science and Mathematics which is part of the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization from its office in Penang, Malaysia. They were in Canada for several months on this first visit which included the University of New Brunswick and Brock University. They were interested in course curriculum, science education, textbooks and materials used, classroom environment and teachers.

NONE IN MALAYSIA

"We are very interested in community colleges; there is not one in Malaysia," she said.

As chemistry teacher Tom Fraser explained some of the aspects of Niagara's chemistry programs, they were surprised to learn that there was a lack of interest in chemistry in a developed country.

"We are only a developing country that is oriented towards science and math," Ms. Tan said. "Students know the job opportunities lie in science and technology."

The country of 15 million has an educational system based on Britains's; it is very exam-oriented and centralized in measuring a student's aptitude for future educational endeavors.

Ms. Tan found the ambulance program very sophisticated with its equipment and the co-ordinated services of hospitals and ambulances. She said ambulance services in Malaysia do not operate through hospitals and a nurse accompanying the driver tries to handle the situation.

The pair also visited the Early Childhood, dental and journalism areas of the college.

Ms. Tan said Malaysia has no journalism programs; people start to work in newspapers in any capacity and might eventually become cub reporters. Journalism co-ordinator Austin Jelbert drew laughter as he offered his services immediately.

Next on the itinerary after lunch was a tour of the Mack Nursing Centre and School of Horticulture in St. Catharines, and then on to Brock University before returning to Malaysia.

B of G chairman Ford receives nomination

William Ford, chairman of the Board of Governors, has been nominated for the presidency of ACAATO, of which he is vice-president, Jacqueline Robarts, college president, said. Elections are to take place at the annual meeting in Toronto on Feb. 10 to Feb. 12.

The Association of Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology of Ontario provides a forum to discuss matters of common interest and concern to college governors and presidents, and makes recommendations to the ministers of colleges and universities and skills development when appropriate, Miss Robarts said.

Sixteen governors and one president from each of the 22 community colleges make up ACAATO. The association meets once a year in Toronto for a two-day educational conference. This year's meeting will take place at the Royal York Hotel.

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Low voter turnout disappoints Jackie

Jacqueline Robarts, college president is disappointed that there was "such a small (voter) turnout" for last week's Board of Governors election.

"We had been led to believe that employees and students were very anxious to have this type of board representation," she said in an interview Tuesday. "When such a small group turns up, it makes you wonder how much people really care about who represents them on the board."

She said only about .05 per cent of the student body voted; about 33 percent of faculty; and about 38 per cent of support staff. Administrative staff had the highest turnout — about 59 per cent. She said because the student body had the greatest number of eligible voters, a lower percentage of voter turnout could be expected. But she was disappointed it was as low as it was.

"I hope in future years all students and employees will realize it is impotant for them all to participate in the democratic process provided for them," she said.

FEW HITCHES

Although she was disappointed over voter turnout, she was pleased that the election went without too many hitches. There were minor probems, she said, and "we'll be reviewing the proceedings and correcting them."

Of the four elected representatives, three have had prior board experience.

David Abraham, faculty representative; Lawrence Wells, support staff representative; and Ivar Noren, administrative staff representative, have all served as internal observers to the board since last spring. Brian Staneff, student representive, was the fourth elected internal board member.

Speaking about the three members who have been observers, Miss Robarts said, "From their participation on board matters as an observer, I'm very confident they will be very good (as elected members), and their input will be valuable to the college community."

The four elected representatives were scheduled to attend their first board meeting as internal board members last night.

Miss Robarts said earlier the four will have voting rights at board committee meetings, but not at full board meetings. After two years, the ministry will re-evaluate the voting policy for internal board members.

Pubs pass despite protest

Motions for three more pubs at the Aquaduck were passed at last Monday's Student Administrative Council meeting despite protests made by the three school reps over the fact that Darryl Nadeau, president, and Barb Morrison, vice-president of external affairs, were not present.

"Everyone should have a vote," Julie Boone, a school rep, said. "That includes Barb and Darryl."

Barb and Darryl missed the meeting because of a trip to Edmonton. Earlier, however, Barb had said the Aquaduck was "used too much last year" and SAC should look for other places to hold pubs. She and Darryl had a disagreement with the owners at the Aquaduck before Christmas regarding advertising using the college's name and Darryl hasn't been back since.

DL Webster, vice-president of internal affairs, argued that the executive all agreed with the decisions regarding the pubs last summer when putting the student handbook together. "Why should the locations be changed now?" He said many students rely on the handbook to let them know when things have been planned.

Kirk MacDonald, vice-president of athletics, suggested that the grad survey that is filled out at the end of each year should include questions about the locations of pubs for next year.

A beach pub will be held Feb. 24 at the Aquaduck. It was pushed back two weeks from the handbook to make room for the Valentine's pub of Feb. 10 at the Rose Villa which had been passed the week before. A Brock/Niagara pub at the Aquaduck has been scheduled for March 30 and a St. Patrick's Day pub for March 16. Both dates were advertised in the handbook.

Ring days Feb. 3—4

The Niagara College bookstore will have sales representatives from two ring companies available for students wishing to place orders.

The Balfour representative will be at the bookstore Wednesday Feb. 3, from 10 a.m. to noon, and Thursday Feb. 4, from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

A deposit, which varies with the style of ring, is required; the balance is due at the time of delivery — to the purchaser's house — about eight weeks after the order is placed.

The Lackie representative will be at the bookstore Feb. 11, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

A deposit to the representative is required to place an order; the balance is due open delivery — to the bookstore — about six to eight weeks after the order is placed.

All cheques are payable to Niagara College.

Ring prices depend on the style ordered. Samples are available in the bookstore.

Down at the bus stop

The Welland Transit bus shelter located beside parking lot E has finally been repaired, much to the delight of Niagara College students. The Transit System decided Monday, Jan. 25, to continue pickup service for the college after steps were taken to alleviate the problem of illegally parked cars that lined the curb of the Merritt building preventing access for city buses, Welland Transit superintendent Joe Hrechanyk said. If the problem should arise again, drastic measures will be taken, Mr. Hrechanyk said. Photo by Elizabeth Finley

Niagara Nellie decided to end her hibernation one week early. However, she was talked into returning to her burrow by her mate who pulled the bedcovers more snugly around him and said, "Honey close the door. You're letting in the cold."

Photo by Helen Doan

People have faith in furry forecaster

By HELEN DOAN
and CINDY LOGAN
Staff Writers

Although science has not confirmed the belief, many people still put great faith in the ability of a furry little animal to foretell the weather.

A typical groundhog grows to more than two feet long and weighs eight to 12 pounds. It has coarse brown fur, a rounded head with a heavy body, stubby legs and a short bushy tail. It burrows into a hill or under a field using its sharp claws, resembling rakes. The 10 to 25 feet burrows have several entrances and a nesting chamber at the end.

Legend says the groundhog or woodchuck wakes from its winter sleep on Feb. 2 and pokes its head out of its burrow. If the sun is shining and it sees its shadow it becomes frightened and crawls back in its hole. Winter weather will continue for six more weeks.

Should the day be cloudy and overcast and the little fellow does not see his shadow, his will stay out of the burrow and spring is just around the corner.

The tradition sometimes includes a badger or bear from similar beliefs associated with Candlemas Day in England. According to an old English rhyme:

If Candlemas be fair and bright
Come, Winter, have another flight
If Candlemas bring clouds and rain
Go, Winter, and come not again.

Candlemas is a Christian festival honoring purification of Virgin Mary after the birth of Jesus 40 days after Christmas.

Groundhog Day is based on a custom brought from Germany and Great Britian and may be a direct off-shoot from Candlemas Day.

Probably the most famous of the furry forecasters is Punxsutawney Phil of Gobbler's Knob, Pa. In Canada, there is Wiarton Willy, of Wiarton, northwest of Owen Sound, and Gary Groundhog, of the Kortright Centre for Conservation, in the town of Vaughan, about eight kilometres north of Toronto.

"Quite surprising, we have had a very good success rate — about 70 per cent — with Gary," Dan Spustuckey, wild life theme coordinator at the Kortright Centre for Conservation, said during a phone interview Tuesday.

The centre has been involved with groundhog predictions since 1980, Mr. Spustuckey said. Gary, the second groundhog used, lives at the Springwater Provincial Park in Barrie, run by the Ministry of Natural Resources.

Gary will be picked up today and taken to the Kortright Centre, where he will remain until next Friday, Mr. Spustuckey said.

Since Gary is kept in captivity, he does not hibernate. While at the centre, he will be kept in a warm building.

"He does sleep a lot," Mr. Spustuckey said. "But we can give him a nudge to awaken him." Gary has not missed a Feb. 2 yet.

Asked if he believed in the power of the groundhog, Mr. Spustuckey replied, "Of course not, but it's a lot of fun," that lends itself to the "development of a sound conservation program." He will be using Gary, in conjunction with a slide talk on groundhogs, during Sunday's winter carnival. About 1,000 people attend the one-day carnival each year.

On Feb. 2, around noon, Gary will be taken outside to a display pen for the official weather-predicting ceremony, which is open to the public and the media.

To learn whether Gary sees his shadow, or not, the public may phone the centre's groundhog hotline at 1-416-832-2289 in the afternoon Tuesday.

When they are not forecasting the weather, groundhogs spend the winter beneath the ground, in grass-lined chambers which are tightly closed up. In the fall, fat from summer eating, a groundhog enters its below-frost-line burrow, curls into a ball, its head tucked between its legs and its arms folded around its neck, and goes to sleep.

Editorials

Unlikely to ban smoking

A large percentage of the college population smokes cigarettes and will be affected by any recommendations made by the smoking committee.

Recommendations about smoking at the college will be based on two main surveys by the smoking campaign led by Hans van der Slagt, dean of business. It should be interesting to see what recommendations the committee will suggest. Smoking will unlikely be banned from the college but there may be further restrictions on smoking areas in the college. Smoking could be restricted to certain floors in the Simcoe building.

The cigarette smoke is not actually the problem. The problem is air circulation in some areas. Cigarette smoke is only dense in areas where many people are in a small area and where the air circulation is poor.

The controversy over cigarettes and second-hand smoke is often in the news lately because smoking is being banned from the working place in many more places. If this trend continues, cigarette smokers are going to have to find other places to work if they can't quit smoking.

This pressure of eliminating smoking from the working place seems to have some effect because smokers are slowly becoming part of a growing minority. One of the benefits of fewer cigarette smokers is fewer dirty ashtrays. Another will be a cleaner environment. Besides, what right do smokers have to pollute the air that other people breathe?

Gord Wilson

Scarcity of voters appalling

Considering all the problems faced by community colleges in Ontario, it would seem correct to think that, when staff and students had the opportunity to select people to represent their concerns and ideas, they would jump at the chance to do so.

But the appallingly low numbers of votes cast in the elections for the Board of Governors last week at Niagara College prove that this is obviously, and sadly, not so at all.

As a result of the Pitman report, an account of which was in the school paper, the Board of Governors decided to make some changes. This year, for the first time, support staff, students, faculty and administrative staff are joining the board as internal members. Their job is to represent each area of the school which they are a part, and to bring in new ideas and have some say in what changes occur at the college. These were the candidates that so few voted for last week.

Why?, is the question that comes to mind. Perhaps people at the college weren't aware of the elections, or didn't know enough about the candidates. But Niagara News dedicated part of the first page, and another entire page of the Jan. 15 edition to information about the elections. Posters were placed around the college weeks before the elections took place. An advance poll was organized the week before. Should there have been more? Would that have made a difference? Who knows?

Of almost 6,000 full and part-time students, only 192 voted. Of 295 faculty members, 129 — fewer than half — cast votes, and for administrative staff, 50 of 81 voted. Support staff numbers were a little more encouraging with 124 of 196 voting.

For those who won and will represent the college body, congratulations and good luck! For those who neglected to vote, no bellyaching about how things are being done in the next year. The only way to see changes happen in the way in which you want them to, is to do something. Voting for elections such as these is a good way to start.

Tory Edwards

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Whatever one loves best, remains, the rest is meaningless.

Letters

Strike vote situation reported with accuracy

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the executive of the faculty Local 242, OPSEU, we would like to extend our sincere appreciation to Elizabeth Finley for her fair and accurate report on our strike vote of Feb. 18.

As teachers, our main concern is the quality of education that we are able to offer to our students. Before our strike of 1984, due to government underfunding, we had very large classes, sometimes well over 100. We became alarmed and frustrated at the fact that we could not do the best job possible for our students, due to increased marking loads and preparation necessary. In brief, the quality of education deteriorated.

Following our strike, we were given a workload formula, new teachers were hired, bringing in some well-needed "fresh blood," class sizes decreased, and overall quality improved.

We hope that we will have the support and understanding of our students, during the next few weeks as we once again are placed in the position of defending quality of education in the college system.

It has often been said that one of the "drawing cards" of the colleges is the human-sized classes and many are turned off the universities for their overcrowded conditions.

We owe it to our students and to ourselves that this system be maintained.

Joan Hastings
President, Local 242

Heartfelt thanks, Edward

Dear Editor:

I would like to express my gratitude to Edward Thompson from the maintenance department. He went above and beyond the call of duty last week when he braved howling winds and freezing temperatures to start my car.

Also, heartfelt thanks to Judy Ventresca who is always ready — with a smile — to help a student in distress.

Margaret Bartlett

Hope students, students remains regular feature

Dear Editor:

A note of congratulations is extended concerning a new feature in the Niagara News — the page 6 articles under the heading, **Students, students.**

From a practical point of view, it gives journalism students a new, and almost unlimited, field for practising interviewing, photographing and writing skills.

But more importantly, the feature is beginning to paint a profile of college students, one that shows students bringing a tremendous variety of skills, experiences and backgrounds to the college community.

I hope **Students, students** will remain a regular feature of your excellent newspaper.

Sincerely,
Eugene L. Maltais

Oops

Lawrence Wells, computer operator in the college's computer centre and newly elected support staff representative on the Board of Governors, has been an observer on the board since last spring. In its last edition, the Niagara News said that David Abraham and Ivar Noren, elected as faculty and administrative staff representatives, had been observers since last spring, but inadvertently omitted to mention Mr. Wells.

In an earlier edition, the name of Doug Rathbun, production manager and lighting designer of the Theatre Centre production of A Christmas Carol was misspelled throughout.

The Niagara News apologizes to Mr. Wells and Mr. Rathbun.

RTV production on air

The Niagara Journal, an annual broadcast production by second-year radio and television students, will go on the air around the peninsula on Maclean Hunter and Armstrong cable starting next Thursday.

Each program is half an hour in length and is dedicated to what's going on in the peninsula. The program is available to anybody with access to a community channel from Grimsby to Fort Erie.

It is entirely a student production, Phil Novak, second-year radio and television student, said. But Larry Taylor, program coordinator, is the executive producer. Phil is a reporter for the show in public relations.

The show will cover local news, sports, entertainment and will include features. One section, Campus Clips, is about life at the college. The show has a host and a hostess, reporters for news and sports, people on entertainment, a reporter going around to highschools and includes live interviews.

They tape the show every Thursday. Last year the students did six shows. The students are attempting to do 12 shows this year, Phil said. Last year the students interviewed Canadian rock singer Carole Pope and two members of the Spoons.

Most of the shows will be shot on campus in the radio and television program's studio. The show will have an interesting and innovative set design which is a combination of classic and pop art, Phil said. The set design was built by the students.

Focus On Barry Mayson

He rides for Him

By MARK TAYTI
First-year Student

The tattoo on his upper right shoulder is a skull, a permanent reminder. Above it two words, Hell's Angels; below are four letters, AFFA, Angel Forever, Forever Angel.

Barry Mayson tells it like it is, "The enemy is real." Until Oct. 27/1977, Mr. Mayson was the enemy. He was president of the South Carolina Chapter of the most notorious motorcycle gang in the world. The unwritten code of the Hell's Angels is: once in, never out.

Author of the book, Fallen Angel, Mr. Mayson has the distinction of being at the top of the Hell's Angels "hit" list. You might think a person hunted by the gang would keep a low profile, but the 43-year-old ex-Hell's Angel prefers to spend his time trying to teach teenagers to say "NO" to drugs.

Speaking to a packed house that night, the crowd, mostly teenagers, were spellbound by his words. Keeping the attention of his young, impressionable listeners appeared easy for him. Mr. Mayson's shoulder-length, silver-grey hair is usually offset by a white cowboy hat that covers the bald area on the top of his head, but his most striking feature is his eyes. When Mr. Mayson looks at you he gets right inside your head. When his eyes meet yours, you will be the one to look away first.

Vagabond

At 22, Mr. Mayson joined a Charleston, S.C. motorcycle gang which supported its vagabond lifestyle through gambling, drug dealing, prostitution and extortion. Before long the Hell's Angels took the gang into its national network. It is ironic that Mr. Mayson is now hunted by the same people who trained him to be an assassin for the organization, a sect of the Hell's Angels known as the Filthy Few.

It was at a national Hell's Angel rally in San Mateo, Cal., that Mr. Mayson finally quit the gang. The national leaders of the Hell's Angels wanted a rival gang member who was causing trouble in South Carolina killed. Mr. Mayson was told to "take care of it." Mr. Mayson earned his high position with the Hell's Angels by being the most reckless abuser of drugs, alcohol and the law, but murder was where he drew the line.

"You just don't say no to the Hell's Angels," Mr. Mayson said. He was an outcast, a hunted man.

The evidence of a hard life shows in the small-framed man's appearance. "My mind was burnt-out on drugs; my body was falling to pieces." He looked old for 43. The years of whisky drinking and a $200-a-day amphetamine habit had aged him prematurely. Whatever his age, he has seen more grief than most people will know in a lifetime.

Mr. Mayson said the man-trap of drug addiction is not just the product of broken homes, or lack of parental supervision. He is quick to point out that in his early teens he was a church member with much respect for the law, but the glitz and glitter of a hard and fast life "sucked him in" to a life of drugs and gangs.

"The Hell's Angels are already in Canada posing incognito, and setting up massive drug franchises to perpetuate their organization." To see Mr. Mayson standing in front of his audience in blue jeans, a T-shirt, and cowboy boots, it is hard to believe that he is actually an ordained minister.

"Know the truth, and the truth will set you free," Mr. Mayson said. His lectures, delivered free, are filled with the truth about drugs and addiction. His services are in high demand. School administrators are lining up for a chance to have Mr. Mayson come to speak at their schools.

When Mr. Mayson speaks his words come straight from his heart. His southern drawl does not hide the cracking in his voice, and his eyes have trouble holding back the tears when he talks about wasted lives revolving in the vicious circle of chemical addiction. The slogan on his T-shirt reads, Heavenly Metal — I'll rock the hell out of you. The T-shirt covers a body that has been shot, knifed and broken defending the honor of the Hell's Angels.

Mr. Mayson's anti-drug crusade travels under the name of The Prison/Youth Ministry, but when he speaks at schools religion never enters the buildings.

"They won't let me speak about Him," Mr. Mayson said, raising both arms, and forming his fingers into visual quotation marks.

Instead Mr. Mayson uses graphic slide-shows depicting the ugly side of the drug world. Mr. Mayson said he will go to any length to get the message across that drugs are wrong.

"Drugs make you choose, but the choice is always the same. You will choose drugs over your friends; you will choose drugs over your family."

Message

This southerner shoots straight from the hip. His message has no sugar-coating whatsoever, and he accepts no excuses from those who take drugs. Mr. Mayson uses this hard-line approach not only in schools, but in prisons, too.

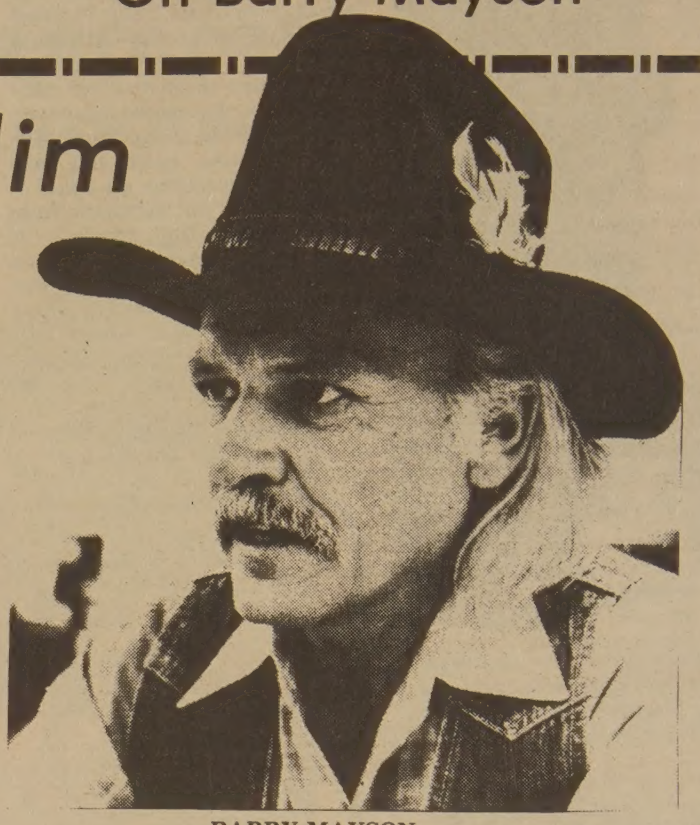
"I ain't a reformed addict, boy," Mr. Mayson said. "I'm an ex-addict — Are you with me?"

Mr. Mayson is recruiting all the time. His goal is to reach as many addicts, or potential addicts, as possible to show them there is more to life than getting high. Mr. Mayson has a simple formula for turning teenagers on drugs around, or preventing them from doing drugs that first time. "Teenagers use drugs to fill a void in their lives. This void can be filled with love, understanding, attention and compassion."

"One day I will be leaving some church, school or meeting, and from across the street a Hell's Angel with a high-powered rifle will blow my brains out. I don't care about that. The last 10 years of my life without drugs have been great, and nobody can take that away.

Angel Forever, Forever Angel is not just a concept exclusive to the Hell's Angels. There will always be people who will see Mr. Mayson for what he used to be, and not for what he has become. These people will never trust this ex-Hell's Angel.

There will always be skeptics, and Mr. Mayson can accept that fact. What he cannot accept is the fact that teenagers are unwittingly ruining their lives by taking drugs. If Mr. Mayson is successful in turning just one of those teenagers away from drugs, this fallen Angel has earned back his wings.



BARRY MAYSON

St. Catharines campus feels isolated: Senate vp

The new student senate vice-president of the St. Catharines campus feels the senate does things for the Student Administrative Council, such as hanging up posters promoting SAC activities, but that SAC does little for its satellite campuses.

Vice-president Wayne Sanford expressed feelings of isolation from the main campus in Welland.

"I haven't seen any members rom SAC" around here, he said. The senate president usually attends SAC meetings but members from SAC don't attend senate meetings.

Former president Jacques Boulianne left the senate two weeks ago when he completed his program. President Carolyn Mason, treasurer John Bowcock, secretary Debbie Cosgrove and events chairman Frank Molnar comprise the senate.

The senate wanted someone from the main campus to go to St. Catharines with a selection of the student rings but Wayne said they have had no participation. "We can't very well send all our students up there," he said.

But Mary Cunningham, book store supervisor, said, "They're supposed to let me know when the majority of students are on campus. I indicated that I would take the orders. I haven't heard from them."

The senate is running a ski trip to Tamarack on Saturday, Feb. 13. The bus and lift ticket is $21 and ski rentals are an extra $8. Students may sign up in the senate lounge on the third floor of the St. Catharines campus between 11 and 1 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Board fills vacancies

For the first time in almost a year, Niagara College's Board of Governors is running at full-quota status due to the filling of two vacancies, and at last night's scheduled board meeting, nominations for board positions for the coming year were to be announced, Jacqueline Robarts, college president, said Tuesday.

"The board now has 17 official members — (12 external, four internal, and the president)," she said.

James Brady, personnel manager for the city of St. Catharines, has replaced external board member Hugh Cook, who would have become chairman, but is moving to Cornwall.

Charles Sands, a professional engineer with Ontario Hydro, has replaced former board chairman Alex Elliott, who served the maximum six-year term as an external board member and then had his term extended for another year. Mr. Sands lives in Niagara Falls.

At last night's board meeting, the nominating committee was to bring in its report concerning the slate of officers for the board for the coming year.

At press time, the following people were nominated: William Ford, present chairman to continue on; Bill Heelis, a St. Catharines lawyer who has served on the board for four years as vice chairman; Roy Brunner, of Welland, for chairman of the administrative affairs committee; and David Bessey, of St. Catharines, for chairman of the academic affairs committee.

Director relishes student energy

By ELIZABETH FINLEY
Staff Writer

The Niagara College Theatre Centre will call on the expertise of Maureen McKeon for its second production of the year, Sweeney Todd. Ms. McKeon will direct the thriller/melodrama about the demon barber of Fleet Street that will be performed at both the Empire Street Theatre and Brock University's The Theatre.

"I've been interested in working here for quite a few years," Ms. McKeon said. "I'm very excited."

Ms. McKeon, who has been employed in the Shaw Festival's wardrobe department for seven years and who recently directed Carousel Players' The Snow Queen, said the opportunity to work with the students is one of the reasons for her excitement. She recently began teaching pre-audition option students part time at the centre.

"There is lots of energy which is refreshing, and a lack of pretension," she said.

Committed

The students enrolled at the college are more committed to working in professional theatre and tend to have more practical intentions than those students graduating from university theatre programs, Ms. McKeon said.

"I find the students quite courageous in a way that university students aren't," she said of their enthusiasm. "Bright energy that is untarnished is really a gift when you're working on something."

The presentation of Sweeney Todd involves many intricate details. The production requires a number of special effects, carefully orchestrated light and sound cues, period costumes and a carefully designed set.

"It takes a lot of care and ingenuity to make this production not only look right, but work," Ms. McKeon said.

Melodrama

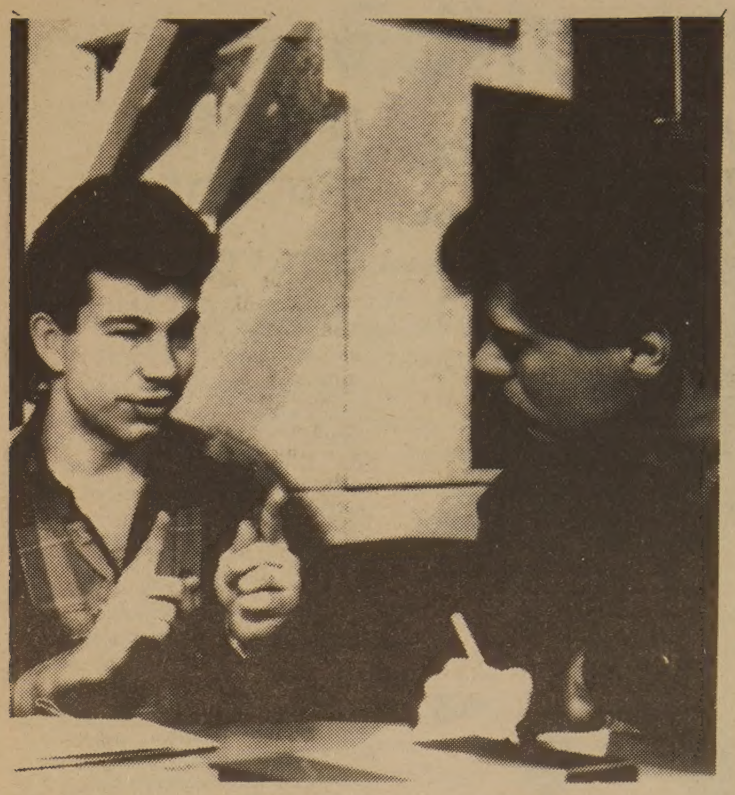
Ms. McKeon is a graduate of Brock University and received her master's degree in drama from the University of Toronto. A resident of Niagara-on-the-Lake, she said she is pleased to be working on the production because of its history. The play first surfaced in 1847.

Sweeney Todd will be presented in its original form — as a melodrama. Ms. McKeon said she is concerned that the stigmas attached to such a label may conjure up preconceived ideas about the plot, but is confident that no one who attends will be disappointed.

"It's really entertaining," she said. "It's very funny and it has got everything. The people who attend will get their money's worth."

Ms. McKeon is looking forward to the transfer of the production to Brock. "I'm pretty confident that everything will go smoothly," she said. "I'm very happy to be working there again, and I'm looking forward to seeing how the students adapt."

There will be afternoon and evening performances at the Empire Street theatre from Feb. 24 to 26 and at Brock's The Theatre from March 1 to 3. Ticket prices are $3.50 for matinees and $4.50 and $3.50 for evening shows.



With the upcoming CBC Telefest competition just 2½ months away, students in the RTV program are hard at work preparing projects they hope will get to represent the college. Here two students discuss aspects of a project they are working on.Photo by Brian McLaughlin

Student creativity captured on film

By BRIAN MCLAUGHLIN
Staff Writer

Potatoes, a psycho-killer, and a burning girl... These are just a few of the projects some third year radio/television students are working on for CBC's annual Telefest competition.

Paul Davoud, an instructor in the program, said students have already begun preparing for the contest.

Steve Payne is preparing "a sort of spoof on potatoes." It's a drama about a revolt by potatoes that are upset because people are eating artificial mixes. "They start killing people...by stuffing themselves down people's throats."

Bob Poisson is making a short documentary. It deals with Alateen, an organization set up to help teenagers with alcoholic parents.

The competition is set up by the provincial branch of the CBC. College and university students enrolled in radio, television and film courses get a chance to compete and express technical expertise, creativity and originality.

Traditionally the college's entries have done well.

Last year the film division won first place with a long non-documentary called The Night the Aliens Landed.

Stu Black, radio instructor, said in 1986 the radio division won first place for a documentary, Baby Talk. In 1985 they won first place for a documentary about male midlife called Middlescent Man.

Portrait

Also in 1985 the television division won second place for a documentary called The Critical Moment, a portrait of photojournalist Denis Cahil, of the St. Catharines Standard.

Through an effective display of the photographer's work, an interview with him, and a student narrator, the production made vivid the life of a news photographer.

Student Gary Kleinsteuber is producing a video drama about "the screaming tunnel," a local legend. The movie involves six actors discussing the legend in a bar. Four of them decide to go to the site to see if a burning girl's ghost will blow out a match and scream. It turns out the two other actors are behind a prank and end up receiving a scare themselves.

Psycho

Scott Davis is producing a psycho thriller about "a psycho-killer in the woods." On the first day of hunting season, a warning is issued for hunters to wear orange blazers. But it turns out the psycho is shooting hunters in orange blazers.

Mr. Davoud said once the projects are completed, they will be viewed by instructors to decide which of them are good enough to officially represent the college in the competition.

According to Telefest rules, the college can submit two entries in each of 10 film/video categories and four radio categories. Judging will be done by experts in the CBC and professionals in the industries. The awards luncheon will be held in May.

Winners may be broadcast on CBC radio and television. Asked if some of the projects could be available for viewing in the college library, Mr. Davoud said, "I'll think about it."

Lecture

Fu Hua-xing, a visiting scholar from China, will give a lecture on Feb. 2 from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Lundy 1 on education in the People's Republic of China.

Mr. Fu is at Niagara for six months as part of the twinning program with Changsha University. He is the chief secretary, Foreign Affairs Office of the Education Commission of Hunan Province, and a senior program officer of the China International Education Exchange Association, Hunan Branch.

Mr. Fu would like the opportunity to meet Canadian educators who are interested in international education exchange programs in China.

Various differences divide cultures

High school students "are more vivid and active" than the students in China, Tang Yan said of a Jan. 8 visit to St. Catharines Collegiate.

"In China, the instructors come in and give the lessons from start to finish," Mr. Tang said. "The students keep quiet and take notes. No questions are asked."

Mr. Tang, an instructor from Changsha in the province of Hunan, is at Niagara to learn as much as possible about Hans van der Slagt's job as dean of business; about what the chairmen do and the co-ordinators and teachers. In a sense, he will be Mr. van der Slagt's shadow.

"Mr. Hans gave a slide presentation and I answered questions about birth control, (economic) development and education in China," Mr. Tang said.

Mr. Tang was "amazed" at the number of high school students who own their own cars or who are able to drive cars to school. Comparing transportation here and in China is difficult, he said. It is more crowded in China and there are more cars here.

STUDIES HERE

Mr. Tang has a degree in British and American languages. He teaches foreign languages and the tour guide program for English tours in China. Now he is taking two courses at Niagara, effective supervision and motivation, and Canadian Literature; and one at Brock University, Educational Administration.

The difference in teaching methods may account for the difference in the students, Mr. Tang said.

"Here, there are 10 minutes of lecture or a slide show and then a very heavy assignment," he said. "I think this way encourages students to their full potential."

When he and Mr. van der Slagt toured the high school, Mr. Tang was impressed with the quality of equipment and teaching aids. "Comparing with China, the computer and slides would only be in a university," he said.

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The dinosaurs are coming The dinosaurs are coming The dinosaurs are coming The dinosaurs are coming

By WENDY KUDEBA
Staff Writer

Once again, ominous beasts like Albertasaurus are trying to make their presence known to the world. This time the huge lizards are safely at home in the Welland Historical Museum.

"From January to April we borrow or house major travelling exhibits like these prehistoric animals from ROM (the Royal Ontario Museum)," Mac Swackhammer, curator-director of the museum, said.

The dinosaur exhibit will be at the museum from Feb. 2 to March 25. It features three dinosaur remains, one marine animal and one mastodon. The mastodon is from a find from the Wellandport area.

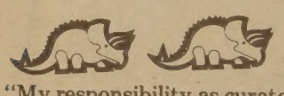
The exhibit is made up of casts taken from the bones of the animals and not the actual skeletons. The skeletons are too fragile to travel as extensively as the exhibit does.

"For all intents and purposes, it is exactly like the real thing," Mr. Swackhammer said. "Dinosaurs are to museums what lions are to circuses."

Oddly enough, at first this is what made Mr. Swackhammer reluctant to bring the exhibit to Welland because dinosaurs being at the museum was just "too cliched."

"We need to raise our public profile and this is one way to raise our public awareness. It's not too unfair because of the Wellandport mastodon," he said.

The museum is an independent, non-profit corporation and gains generous support from the city of Welland, he said. It is not municipally owned or operated and received a government grant only out of "generosity and not obligation," Mr. Swackhammer said.



"My responsibility as curator is not only to care and keep the exhibits...but I also must beat the drum, blow the bugle and gather the crowds," he said, referring to the public awareness and publicity he must do to gather interest.

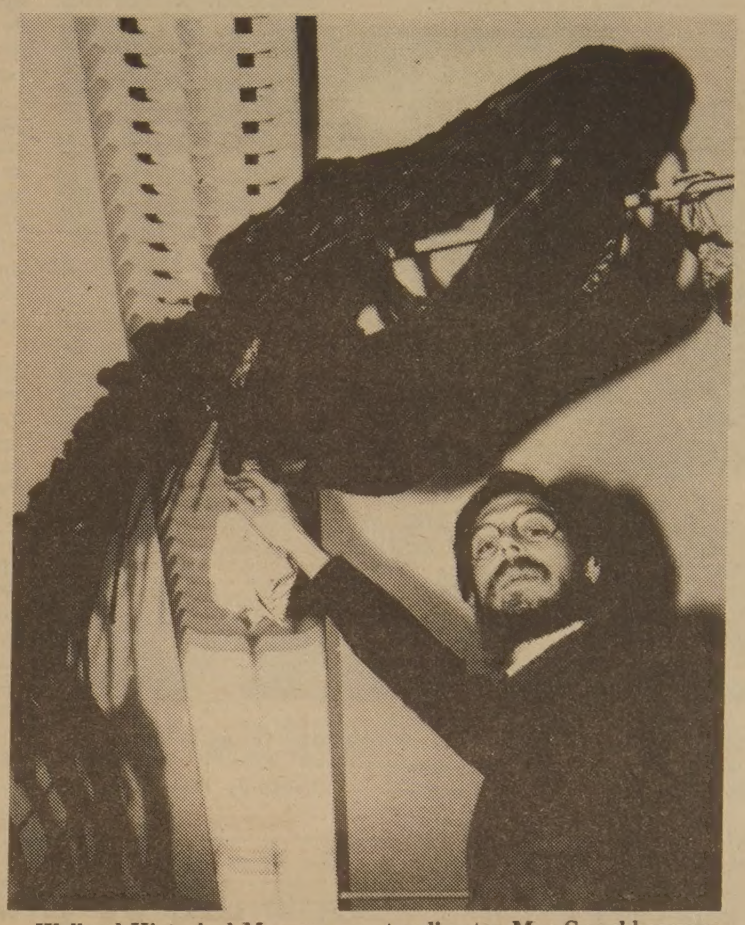
There are four different styles of exhibits at the museum: one temporary with few changes, such as the exhibit of the Welland Canal; one long term with seasonal changes of the urban enviroment; a social history exhibit with regular changes three times a year or more demonstrating the life of Welland and its people, and the discovery child centre with something different weekly. The museum has its usual framed works of art.

"Two-thirds of our space is dedicated to storage and work space," Mr. Swackhammer said. Only one to two per cent of all the museum's materials are on display at one time.

Mr. Swackhammer would rather have 5,000 people come visit the museum at $2 each than have 10 service clubs give a big contribution.

"We spend a lot of time and effort and it's very disappointing when not many people visit the museum."

One thing the museum staff tries to teach is learning to read an object and deal with both the material and cultural history of it.



Welland Historical Museum curator-director Mac Swackhammer prepares one of the dinosaurs on display next week. The prehistoric creature is certainly domineering, but many will be impressed with the size and history of these creatures. Photo by Wendy Kudeba

"All objects have a material history and a material culture and the museum interprets both," Mr. Swackhammer said.

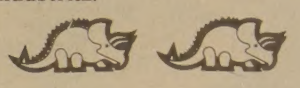
He used the example of an old battlejacket. If one looks at it, one can tell what it is made of, where it was made, how it was made and what size the person was who wore it, but material culture would be asking questions like why the man who wore it entered the army and what it was like.

"Material culture is an artist's creativeness, his attitudes — that's material culture," Mr. Swackhammer said. "That's what I'd like to get people to think about all the time."

Mr. Swackhammer has been at the museum for only 1½ years and feels that "the nature of the collection is not focused and not representative of all sections of the community as it should. There are traditional reasons why not; public support will not come until all sections are represented."

"Primarily we want a restructuring of the collection, policy and exhibit themes of the museum in parallel with reordering of services to make those things possible," he said. "That takes big dollars so it won't happen next week."

In the future, Mr. Swackhammer sees the museum's collection heading towards the 20th century and will demonstrate the "occupational traditions of the 20th century, both domestic and industrial."



"The role the museum has to play is to be one of the tools a community uses to express itself — not only to itself but also to its visitors. The museum is a public building, a public storyteller."

To do this, the museum needs more space, a better space, time and money. Mr. Swackhammer does not believe in approaching a group for funding but if one would like to have a fund-raising event on behalf of the museum it would be appreciated. Welland's Little Theatre is having a play and donating the proceeds from the tickets to the museum.

The museum's main competitor for funding is the hospital since most would, for obvious reasons, support it rather than the museum but Mr. Swackhammer isn't disappointed with that. He feels that that is how it should be.

The museum doesn't want just donations. "We want people to use the museum through memberships and coming down to use it," he said.

$ meeting

A meeting between Niagara College officials and a representative of the ministry "to discuss the college's financial situation" is scheduled for 10 a.m. today in Toronto, Jacqueline Robarts, college president, said.

Earlier this month, a letter was sent to Dr. Ralph Benson, assistant deputy minister of colleges and universities, requesting a meeting to discuss how the funding formula affects Niagara College. Today's meeting is in response to that letter.

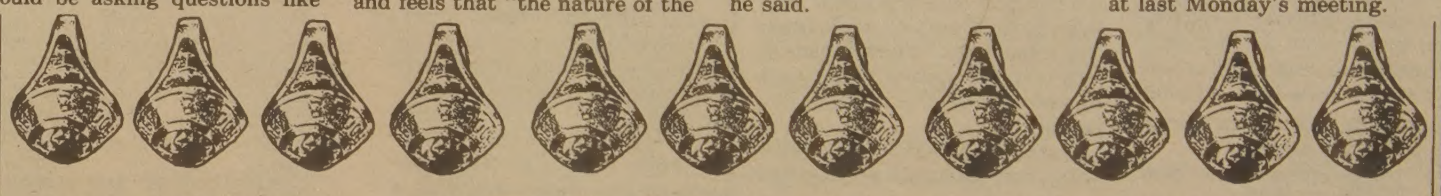
Attending the meeting with Dr. Benson will be Miss Robarts, William Ford, chairman of the Board of Governors; Dr. Tony Knowles, dean of applied sciences and technology; Hans van der Slagt, dean of business, and Gary LaRose, executive director of administrative services.

Because of the funding formula and the fact that the college has not increased its enrolment over the last two years — while enrolment has increased at other colleges — Niagara College received a provincial funding increase this year of only .3 per cent, with 4.5 per cent being the average.

The formula is a distribution mechanism for allocating funds for all community colleges, and involves dividing the total available money by the total number of students. Geographical location, size and the specific courses offered by the college are factors which are used to determine the number of funding units (students) at each college.

Reports a must

Written reports on entire conferences are now a must for Student Administrative Council executives. Glen Futers, vice-president, introduced the motion and it passed with no opposition at last Monday's meeting.



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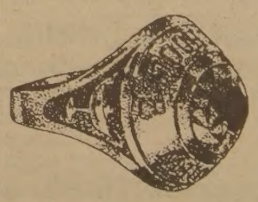

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Entertainment

Students bring Dixieland to Falls

By TORY EDWARDS
Staff Writer

Hotel and restaurant students spent all day Saturday preparing Mardi Gras dishes. It was 3 a.m. on Sunday before everything was finally packed up and put away. And, although the night was a success, they were relieved when it was over. Photo by Tory Edwards

The room was alive with bright color and gaiety. Hundreds of helium-filled balloons sparkled and bobbed merrily above sounds of clinking glass, laughter and music by a Dixie-style band. The tables centres were harlequin clowns; and from the centre of each, a candle flame danced.

Students at Niagara College's Rainbow centre delighted guests at their annual theme dinner last Saturday night at the Canadian Legion in Niagara Falls. "I don't know of anyone who didn't have a good time," Leah Parker, co-ordinator of the dinner, said.

Every year, students in the hotel and restaurant program who wish to be involved, organize an evening of dinner, dancing and good times for their guests. The students are responsible for every aspect of the night, from selling tickets, arranging and ordering food and tablewares, to creating the menu and preparing and serving the food and drink.

"In real life — in real industry — this is the way it would be," Leah said.

USE LESSONS

Participating students take part in an invaluable experience by way of these events. They use what is taught them in school to produce a new and different dinner every year. In doing this, they prepare themselves for future career positions in the hospitality industry.

Theme for the dinner this winter was the Mardi Gras. The chefs created a delightful four-couse meal in keeping with traditional Louisianna-type dishes.

The meal began with a chicken-based consumme, colored with julienne turnip, celery and carrot. Rich cheese rolls that literally melted in the mouth were served throughout the dinner.

Next came a skewered combination of tender shrimp and crab meat, served hot.

MAIN DISH

The main course dish was a colorful array of chicken breasts and legs with a spicy creole sauce, finely sliced potatoes sauted in onion and spiced with rosemary, tender peas with a light butter and mint sauce, and a stuffed baked tomato.

Dessert was indeed a grande finale! "Entremets de pain avec sauce whisky" — a sinfully delicious french bread pudding with raisins, cinnamon and nutmeg, and topped liberally with a whisky-butter sauce. It was served hot and garnished with triangular slivers of fresh apple.

A wandering Dixie-style band of four added the perfect touch as it moved around the room during dinner.

Leah's assistant for the event was Chris Iannacchino; the head chef was Rosa Ippolito. These, and the other students, began preparations weeks before and put an incredible amount of work into the event. Their rewards were the smiling faces and compliments of the guests.

ALUMNI ATTENDED

Some who attended were alumni of the hotel and restaurant program who returned to enjoy and relax, for a change.

"We know how much work is involved in these dinners," one past student said. "It feels great to be here in this capacity." Past graduates spoke highly of the service, food and decorations at the event.

After coffee, all students involved in the dinner were introduced to the guests. Door prizes were given out and a DJ began music for the dance.

"Everything went really smoothly," Leah said. "It's an experience that we always learn a great deal from, and I would definitely do it again."

"Now we can start plans for the International Dinner in April!," Leah said with a smile.

To pose for their picture was the only time during the Mardi Gras dinner that assistant co-ordinator Chris Iannacchino, left, and co-ordinator Leah Parker stood still. Photo by Tory Edwards

It's free personal

The college's dental program is offering free mouthguards for any one who needs them.

"It's a free service that we are extending to the community," said Karen Halinda, second-year hygiene student. "All we need to do is take a negative impression of your mouth. It takes about an hour to do."

A plaster cast is made from a jell that hardens and then a plastic sheet is melted around this to be formed into a rubberized mouthguard which is personalized.

These are not like store-bought mouthguards. "They are really constructed to fit your mouth," she said. "They don't fall out."

"The response, so far, has been guite good." Karen said the offer has attracted people of all ages and people have been in who play sports such as hockey, basketball racquetball and boxing. "Anybody that wants to come in will be accepted."

The clinic can take about two appointments in the morning and two in the afternoon. She said people interested should not show up in groups of four or five. "We are working in the clinic 24 hours a week now. So there is a lot of time for people to come in."

Those interested can go to the third floor of the Simcoe building or call the dental program to make an appointment.

Ambulance pub profits to buy new equipment

Niagara College's Ambulance Club is holding an on-campus pub Wednesday, Feb. 3, to raise money for new equipment for the ambulance and emergency care program.

"(The money) will be used to replace some of the outdated equipment in the lab now," Glen Gillies, club treasurer, said.

It has been the tradition amongst past students in the program to raise money so that the classes that follow are provided with the most updated equipment, Kevin Bryant, president, said.

"The fund raiser is so that next year's students have up-to-date equipment," Kevin said. "There's so much of it."

The students, along with co-ordinator Rick Chandler and teacher Jim Fisher, have held a series of fund-raising events throughout the year and hope to raise $3,000 by the end of term.

"We're half-way there already," Kevin said.

The money will be used towards purchasing such items as traction splints, suction units and a heart monitor. The monitor, which retails at about $10,000 new and $5,000 to $7,000 second hand, is obtained from the Ministry of Health. Kevin said it is unlikely the monitor will be obtained in the near future.

The pub will feature the music of Toronto's Paul James Band. Tickets are on sale in the cafeteria. They are $5 in advance or $6. Doors open at 8 p.m.

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Students, students

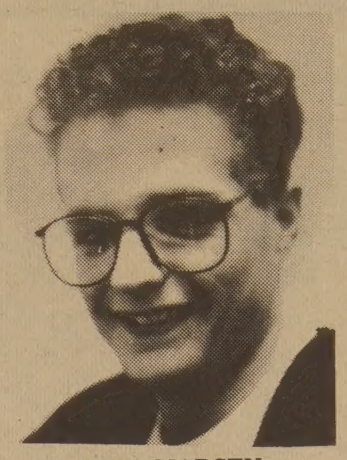
Up, up and westward bound

By TORY EDWARDS
Staff Writer

His mother told him that, for as long as she can remember, he has wanted to be a chef. Mark Madsen, now 20 years old, is in his third and final year of the hotel and restaurant program at Niagara College's Rainbow Centre.

The hotel club president, Mark is totally dedicated to his schooling and to the duties for which he is responsible. Since the beginning of the first term, in the first year of the program, Mark has been more than a student.

Class rep for the hotel club was the first position Mark held. Soon after, he won a marketing award from Ryerson for an Update trip that he and another student organized. The award was given for getting the greatest number of students registered to go on the weekend trip to another school. Mark volunteered to help with the annual winter theme dinner that year, and worked in food preparation, decorating and waiting tables.



MARK MADSEN

PROMOTED QUICKLY

In his first summer break, Mark travelled to Alberta to work in an 83-room hotel in the Rocky Mountains. He worked at Waterton Lakes National Park — Glacier National Park which is on the borders of Montana, British Columbia and Alberta. This resort is the first International Peace Park and opened in 1932. Mark was originally hired as a dining room waiter, but after only two weeks, was promoted to head waiter.

During his second year at school, Mark held the position of second vice-president to the Canadian Food Services Executive Association (CFSEA). In that year he organized winery tours and other functions, such as a dinner for crippled children at which he dressed up as a character from Fraggle Rock. "I can't even remember what character I was. All I remember is a lot of kids screaming and laughing. It was fun."

MADE MANAGER

During his second summer after starting school, Mark returned to the Alberta resort and was promoted to dining room manager. "That was the busiest season in the history of the hotel."

At the first hotel and restaurant dinner in 1987, Mark worked as the dining room manager. At the International Dinner the following spring he acted as assistant co-ordinator.

One couple who visited the hotel were so impressed with Mark that they nominated him for the Tourism Ambassador Certificate — and he won the award.

"It was their 50th wedding anniversary. They were the nicest people. The lady told me that she collected menus from the places she travels, so I made sure she got a brand new menu and a wine list to take as a souvenir. It made her day."

Now in his third year at the college, and as president of the hotel club, Mark is as busy as ever. As if all of this were not enough to fill his days and nights, Mark also works part-time at the Minolta Tower.

Outside of school, Mark enjoys skiing and swimming and, during high school, he swam on Brock University's junior team. He is a qualified lifeguard as well.

He was born and raised in St. Catharines and, ultimately, he hopes to work in Vancouver. His short-term goal is a position in the hospitality industry in Toronto. "I have to get my life organized before I move across the country."

It would seem that Mark has found his life's career in the hospitality industry, but he said he would like to look into some law courses in the future. "Law has always fascinated me."

For now, and for the remainder of the school year, Mark's life will continue to be busy with studies and work. "I'm looking forward to graduation."

Leah climbing ladder

By ELIZABETH FINLEY
Staff Writer

It's the time of the year when restlessness sets in. Most students are feeling the onset of the winter blues and at the same time, the crunch of last term assignments. For Leah Parker, however, it is not just the end of another term, but the beginning of a career.

Leah, who is completing her final year of the three-year hotel and restaurant administration course at Niagara College's Rainbow Centre, is not one to sit back and watch the world pass by. Already she is looking forward to finishing what she calls the "the last leg of education" and emerging into the working world.

"Three years is a long time once you get to this point," Leah said.

The attractive 22-year-old moved to Niagara Falls from Beamsville three years ago to enrol at the centre. Along with her regular course load, Leah also holds down a waitressing job at The Queenston Heights Restaurant and is treasurer of the Hotel Club.

Although she admits her schedule is "full," it appears to suit her just fine. She went into the business because it's "people-oriented."

"I could never be one to sit behind a desk," Leah said. "I always have to be running around, talking and working with people."

Leah's aspirations for the hotel and restaurant industry began with a job she held with the McDonald's fast food chain. Namely, she gave out burgers and fries. Despite her humble beginnings, she says it's such positions that helped streamline her into the industry. Besides, when it comes to waitressing, the money isn't bad.

"You can't beat the money," Leah said. "When you walk out of a place with your pockets full of cash, it's hard to complain."

LEAH PARKER

Leah recently co-ordinated the Hotel Club's Mardi Gras Dinner. Her duties included making a lot of the arrangements and overseeing most of the activities.

"Everything went really smoothly," she said.

She hopes eventually to work as a restaurant manager. She knows the ladder of success is a long one but she is willing to make the climb.

"You have to pay your dues before you can move on up," she said.

Leah plans to stay with the Niagara Parks Commission's food and beverage department because, despite the seasonal employment of the region, it is just the place where an ambitious young woman can begin her journey to the top.

Say cheese

Grad photos will be taken Feb. 2 to Feb. 10 in the Tecumseh Lounge. A $5 sitting fee will be required when making an appointment at the Student Administrative Council office. These pictures will go into the yearbook which will be given to each graduate.

Dental hygenists and dental assistants must pay an $18.35 sitting fee and be dressed in their uniforms.

English students seek pot of gold

By DONALD WILSACK
Staff Writer

It is believed that the English bumped into Canada while looking for a trade route to the east. But now that the earth is mapped, 18-year old Jon Cross and 19-year-old Helen Jones knew their destination was the Rainbow Hotel Centre in Niagara Falls to continue their education.

They are here on an exchange program through High Peak College in Buxton, England, where they graduated from the hotel management, catering and institutional operations program.

Jon, from Darley Abbey, Derby, in the Midlands, said he applied for one of two scholarships available; students selected start in the final year of Niagara's three-year hotel and restaurant administration program.

"At High Peak, it was full time, 40 hours compulsory per week," he said. "It is more relaxed and less intense here."

He said High Peak is known for catering and is a lot bigger with about 1,000 students. It puts more emphasis on practical learning whereas he finds Niagara more theory-based.

He feels it will be a good experience and hopes it ties into his future educational endeavors back home for the Higher National Diploma which is also theory-based.

John said he finds people friendly and life quieter in Canada and hopes to work in the restaurant at Banff Springs Hotel for the summer. He has enjoyed everything so far but misses the social life back home.

HELEN JONES

JON CROSS

"Everything is much closer together; you can walk into Derby to the nightclubs and bars," Jon said. "Toronto is more like what I am used to but I feel insecure."

Helen lives farther up north in Stockport, Manchester, and she jokingly mentioned the exchange program to her mother who took her seriously. She put her name forward and the decision rested with her teachers.

Helen finds the timetable freer at Niagara, with the teacher-student relationship on a more personal level. It is quite a differnce from what she is used to in England.

"What they do in three years, we do in two years," she said about college. "People ages 16 to 18 go to college and they push you to the limit."

They would live in halls of residence from Monday to Friday with an 11 p.m. curfew and go home on the weekends. She said there was a community feeling where "they used to take care of you" with each group having its own tutor.

"I think I've had enough of school; I came here for the experience," Helen said. "What's one more year, plus there's the experience of living away from home."

She said the cars and houses are bigger than those in England and she likes the people and culture of Canada. She misses her sister and hotel job but tries to keep busy when she feels homesick.

"I miss having the car. If anyone is selling a car for $50, let me know."

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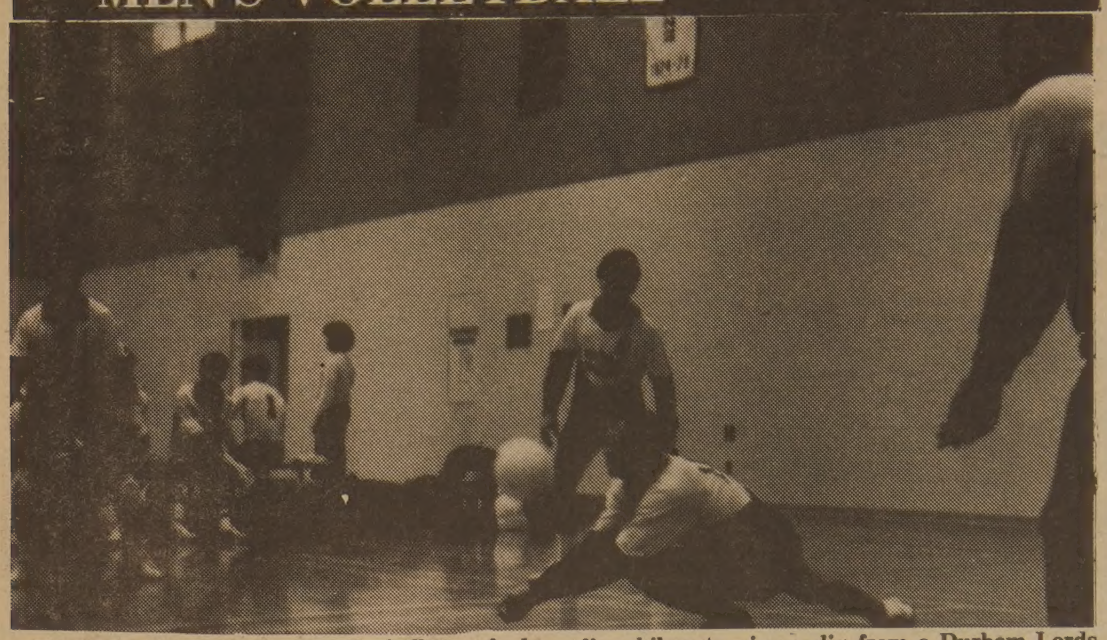

The Niagara Knights men's volleyball team had a rough time at it on the weekend winning only one game in six. Anson Humphreys makes a successful dig while returning a dig from a Durham Lords serve. Standing around Anson are, from left, Chris Mudjar, Paul Blakely and David Hartman.
Photo by Randy Conlon

Inconsistency kills Knights

By RANDY CONLON
Staff Writer

If the Niagara College men's volleyball team could finish as strong as it starts, it would probably be undefeated. But such is not true.

The team played in the George Brown Invitational volleyball tournament on the weekend and finished with a 1-5 record, winning only the opening game.

The Knights opened the tournament against their past rivals, the Sir Sandford Fleming Knights. Niagara came out strong, opening a 4-0 lead backed by two David Hartman kills. Niagara never relinquished its lead throughout the game. Some timely passing from Anson Humphreys, and good setting by Yves Aubin allowed hitters Chris Mudjar, Ron McPherson and Hartman to keep Niagara comfortably ahead. Niagara won the opener 15-10.

DOWN HILL

After the strong showing in the opening game, it was down hill for the Knights of Niagara. In the next game Sir Sandford opened up an early lead and never looked back. After toying with the service back and forth at 6-3, Sir Sandford capitalized on four Niagara miscues to open up a 10-3 lead before Niagara was able to regain the serve.

Niagara could only manage two more points the rest of the way and ended losing 15-5.

Coach Ray Sarkis said the Knights were inconsistent in this match. "There were hardly any passes in the second game, whereas we made good passes in the first game."

Paul Blakely said Niagara "fell apart" after the first game. "We got down on ourselves, and they capitalized on our mistakes."

INCONSISTENCIES

Ron noted the inconsistency in the team. "We were two totally different teams out there."

In the Knights' second match of the day, they met the Humber College Hawks, a Tier I division team.

This match looked as though it would be a repeat of the opener as the Knights opened up an early 3-0 lead, and were sparked by a Blakely kill, giving the Knights their third point.

But Humber would have none of that, as they rallied with eight consecutive points to silence the Knights' charge. Before Niagara had time to blink their eyes, the first game of this match was over and the Knights were beaten 15-4.

In game two of the match, the Knights were out of the game before they got a chance to get started. Humber totally dominated Niagara throughout the game and defeated them by a 15-4 score.

HUMBER STRONG

Ray felt that, although Humber was a strong team, Niagara didn't play nearly as good as they are capable of. "This match was a total team breakdown. Our passing was poor, we didn't block, we didn't play with any confidence and we showed a complete lack of concentration. Right now I'm very disappointed. We're a lot better team than we showed out there today."

If it wasn't bad enough that Niagara just came off of a thrashing by Humber heading into the final match of the day; they then had to play the Durham Lords, a team which they have never beaten, and which is in first place in league play.

In the opening game of the Durham match, Niagara played like a team just going through the motions. Setter Yves Aubin had difficulty setting as he was forced to run all over the court due to poor passing on the part of the Knights. Niagara was blanked for their first time this season as Durham took advantage of the Knights lackadaisical effort.

WOKE UP

In the second game of the match Niagara woke up a little, after falling behind early 9-3. Good passing from Anson and Paul helped the Knights rally five straight points, closing the gap to 9-8. But it was just a little too late for Niagara as Durham went on to defeat them by a score of 15-10.

After the tournament Ray said, "It looks like we're just going to have to go back to the basics. I'm going to have to rebuild the guys' confidence; hopefully it won't take too long "

The Knights' next outing is Feb. 6 when they head to Sir Sandford Fleming in Peterborough.

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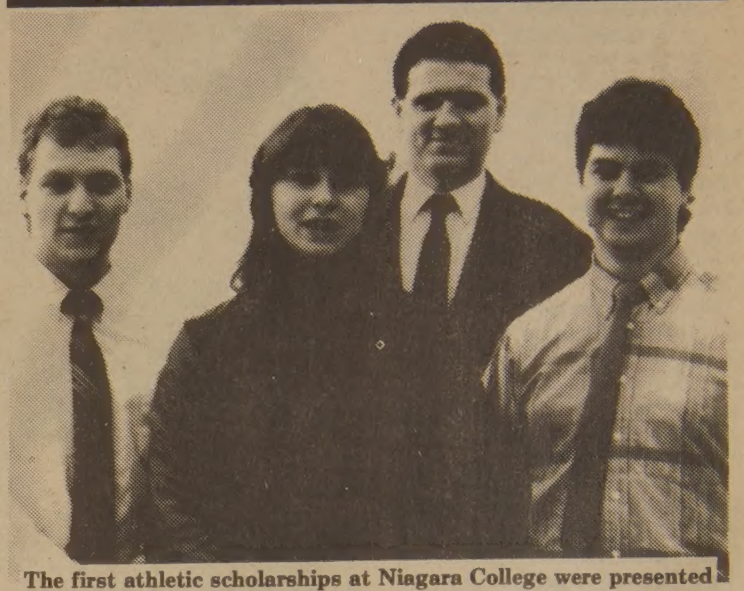

The first athletic scholarships at Niagara College were presented in the gymnasium on Wednesday. The winners were, from left, Blake Sawyer, hockey; Pat Reynders, women's volleyball; Pat Flynn, hockey and Yves Aubin, men's volleyball.Photo by Randy Conlon

College awards four athletic scholarships

By RANDY CONLON
Staff Writer

For the first time in the 20-year history of Niagara College, Athletic Scholarships were awarded to four student athletes at the gymnasium yesterday.

The $300 scholarships winners are: Yves Aubin of the men's volleyball team; Pat Reynders of the women's volleyball team and Blake Sawyer and Pat Flynn of the varsity hockey team.

Jacqueline Robarts, college president, was on hand to present the awards. Miss Robarts congratulated the athletes and said she was happy to see the program started at the college.

Yves, second-year law and security student, was very excited about winning. "I've worked toward the scholarship; it helped motivate me to increase my marks," he said. "You have to be able to work well with your coach and your teammates. I couldn't have won this without them."

Pat Reynders, a St. Ann's resident, is a second-year student in business administration operations management. She was very surprised to win the award. "I didn't even know about it until December, so I wasn't trying for it or anything." Her coach, Judy Halaiko, said Pat was the backbone of her team.

Blake, a third-year marketing student, is the Knights' leading scorer this season. He was happy to win the scholarship. "I was just looking for a good league to play in this year — I found that. This is just an added bonus."

Third-year financial management student Pat Flynn was happy to win and felt that a program like this is good for the college. "It's good to have a program like this because it's very expensive to go to school and it might bring about some incentive to high school students to help develop better teams in the future."

The money for the scholarships was made available from the Student Administrative Council which donated $1,200 from the proceeds of the hockey machine in the cafeteria last year.

Athletic co-ordinator Peter Rylander thanked SAC for its contribution; he hoped the trend would continue in the future, possibly with more money for larger scholarships being made available.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Knights lose, determination evident

The women's volleyball team had a disappointing opening day when they lost three consecutive matches to St. Lawrence, Algonquin and Loyalist colleges at a tournament on Jan. 23 at Loyalist College in Belleville.

"They just made mistakes at a bad time, mostly when the other team was serving," Judy Halaiko, team coach, said.

In their first match against the Loyalist Lancers, the Knights lost two games in a row 15-13 and 16-14, but fought hard in the second game. The Knights came back from a humiliating 14-3 score to 14-13 but all the Lancers needed was one point and that was gained quickly and easily for a 15-13 win.

The second match against the Algonquin Caats from Nepean found the team regaining their pride and winning back their spirit. They won the first game 15-12 then met undying determination and lost the next two. They ended the match with a 2 games to one loss but had improved over the previous match. The scores of 16-14 and 15-13 testified to the fact they offered a strong competition.

"They played inconsistently but a lot of that still comes from inexperience and the fact that they are still a young team," Judy said.

Anne Labrie, team captain, held strong in every game with skilled hitting, and Jody Smith wasn't far behind in using her skills.

The third match seemed to mirror the second with the Knights winning the first game 15-8, then falling in the following two with heart-breaking close scores of 15-13 and 15-12.

"I can't say enough for their determination; they gave 100 per cent," Judy said.

They played hard and even though one setter was out with an injury, they put up a good fight. Pat Reynders successfully set up the ball for her teammates even though she had to do it every time and for all three matches.

"Over all it was a good learning experience and we're really looking forward to this weekend when the team hosts their first match," Judy said.

The next three games are important for the team as they will determine how far the team will go and if they will compete in the finals.

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Sports

KNIGHTS' HOCKEY

Old style hockey foils Penn State's game plan

By ROB STROHM
Staff Writer

Playing a typical Canadian style game of grinding and disciplined hockey, the Niagara Knights captured a 7-5 victory over the league-leading Penn State Nittany Lions last Friday night.

The Knights' special teams also performed exceptionally well as they scored three powerplay goals and stifled the opposing team on their powerplay.

"The team worked hard overall; we played a much more disciplined game and killed penalties very well," Fred Bassi, the coach, said.

Niagara's ability to bring the puck out of their end under pressure by the Nittany forwards was a key to breaking the Lions' game plan.

"We tried to dump it in and put pressure on their defence and maybe get some quick shots from giveaways, but they played it smart and never coughed up the puck," Art Gow, assistant Penn State coach, said.

3-1 LEAD

The Knights were able to take a 3-1 lead over Penn State after the first, on goals by newcomer Mike Mooradian, Chris Vandemeer and Bruce Horvath, who has been a hot scorer as of late since being put back on the blue line.

It was evident the Americans had trouble adjusting to the small ice surface of the Youth Arena as they could hardly muster up any offence.

"We tried to adjust, but it's hard; we're so used to the bigger rinks. It will be a different game at Penn State," Mr. Gow said.

Other than an early flukey goal by Penn State early in the period, scoring chances were not a main part of the second period. Neither team could generate any consistent offence or create any real action around the nets.

Taking only a one-goal lead into the third period, the Knights took little time in cushioning their lead to 4-2, as Bruce Horvath — at the :56 mark — blasted a 65-foot slapshot past a shocked Penn State goaltender who seemed bewildered by the whole incident.

QUICK PLAY

Horvath capped his hat trick with a powerplay marker two minutes later. He received a pass at the top of the faceoff circle and rifled another shot past the helpless Nittany netminder.

With the score 5-2, the Knights seemed to have a handle on the outcome of the game with a little help from the man between the pipes.

Niagara goaltender Mark Bush, who was abandoned by his defence for a spell midway through the period, made a spectacular glove save that turned out to be a crucial point in the game.

Penn State stormed back with two goals in three minutes to diminish the three-goal lead to one, creating an exciting finish.

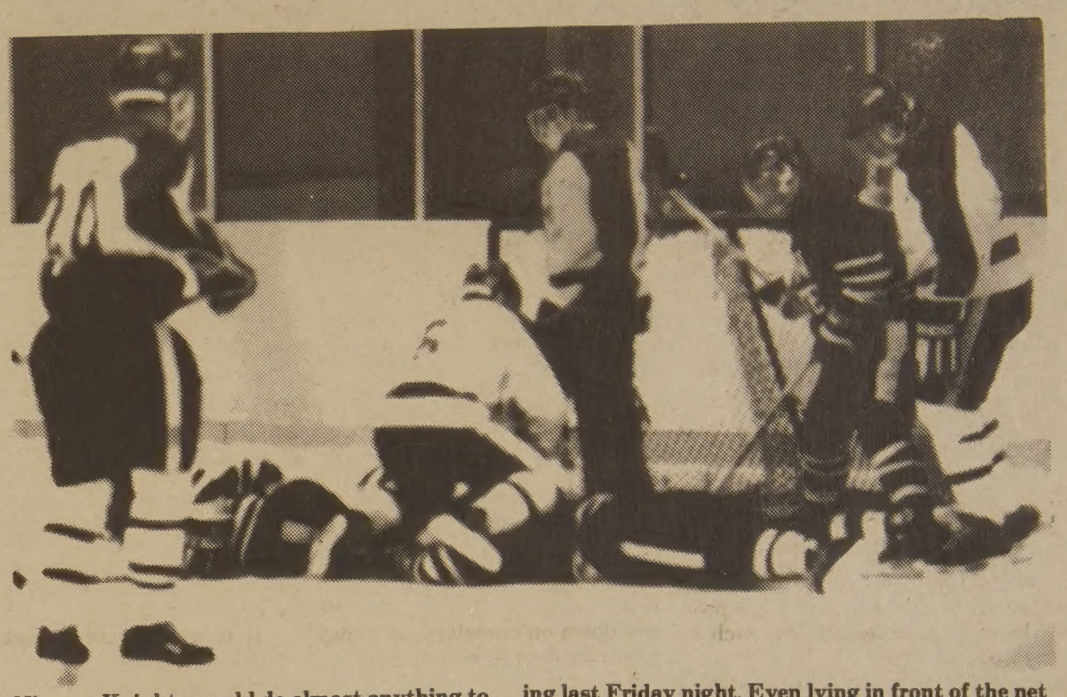
"When it was 5-4 I wasn't panicky, but I was hoping we wouldn't take a stupid penalty at the time," Mr. Bassi said.

Penn State seemed to come to life, but Mark Bush was equal to the task as he held the Americans with sparkling saves during their resurgence.

GOT BREAK

Niagara got a break as Penn took a penalty late in the game which enabled their revitalized powerplay to come into play. The powerplay unit of Vandemeer, Sawyer and Flynn buzzed about the Penn net with some quality shots and fine passing. Vandemeer finally bulged the twine on a nifty passing play from Sawyer and Flynn.

Mike Mooradian made his presence known to his new teammates as he scored his second of the night upping the score to 7-4 giving the Knights a comfortable lead with just over a minute remaining. Penn State scored with 12 seconds remaining in the game but to no avail as the Knights recorded their second straight win.



The Niagara Knights would do almost anything to prevent the Penn State Nittany Lions from scoring last Friday night. Even lying in front of the net seemed like a good idea during a heated moment of action. Photo by Rob Strohm

"That's two big wins for us now," Mr. Bassi said. "The team's attitude has changed; we're hungry and happy and that's a tough combination to beat."

Penn State's head coach Joe Battista said his team seems to be jinxed when playing in Welland but gave credit to Niagara which he described as a hard working team.

The two teams clash in Pennsylvania on Feb. 19 and 20, where all coaches expect a different style of game. Art Gow expects his squad to go back to their finesse style of game and head coach Joe Battista says the bigger ice surface and the large crowd will work to his team's advantage.

"It (the large crowd) can be an intimidating experience for visiting teams and we look at it as a motivator for our team," Mr. Battista said.

Mr. Bassi said his team right now is the best offensively — 57 goals in eight games — and will be able to move the puck better.

"If we play like we have been, there is no reason we can't beat them on their home ice, but right now I am taking one game at a time," he said. "We'll have to see after the Erie and Conestoga games."

Tomorrow night, Niagara will play host to the Erie Community Kats; game time is 8 p.m.

Knights help charity

The Niagara Knights took time away from their busy schedule to participate in a charity hockey game with proceeds from admission charges going to the Niagara Child Development Centre. Several hundred dollars may have been raised, but an exact figure is not available.

Last Saturday night the Knights faced off against an all-star team composed of players from area high schools and squeaked out a 9-8 victory over the challengers.

Pat Flynn led the way for the winners with a hat trick, Blake Sawyer picked up two goals and singles went to Wayne Conn, Nick Minken, Rod Estabrook and Mike Mooradian.

Mooradian's goal was the winner and was scored while the Knights were shorthanded. Fred Bassi, coach of the Knights, said Mooradian's goal followed three sparkling saves by goaltender Jim Darling, who kept the all-stars from snatching a victory late in the game.

Funds raised were not available at press time but Mr. Bassi expects a few hundred dollars will be the amount acquired.

Buffalo excursion

Tickets are still available in the SAC office for the two Buffalo hockey games Feb. 5 and 19. The $20 tickets include the bus to and from the games. It will leave the college at 6 p.m. The Feb. 5 game is against the Maple Leafs and the Feb. 19 game is against the Flyers.

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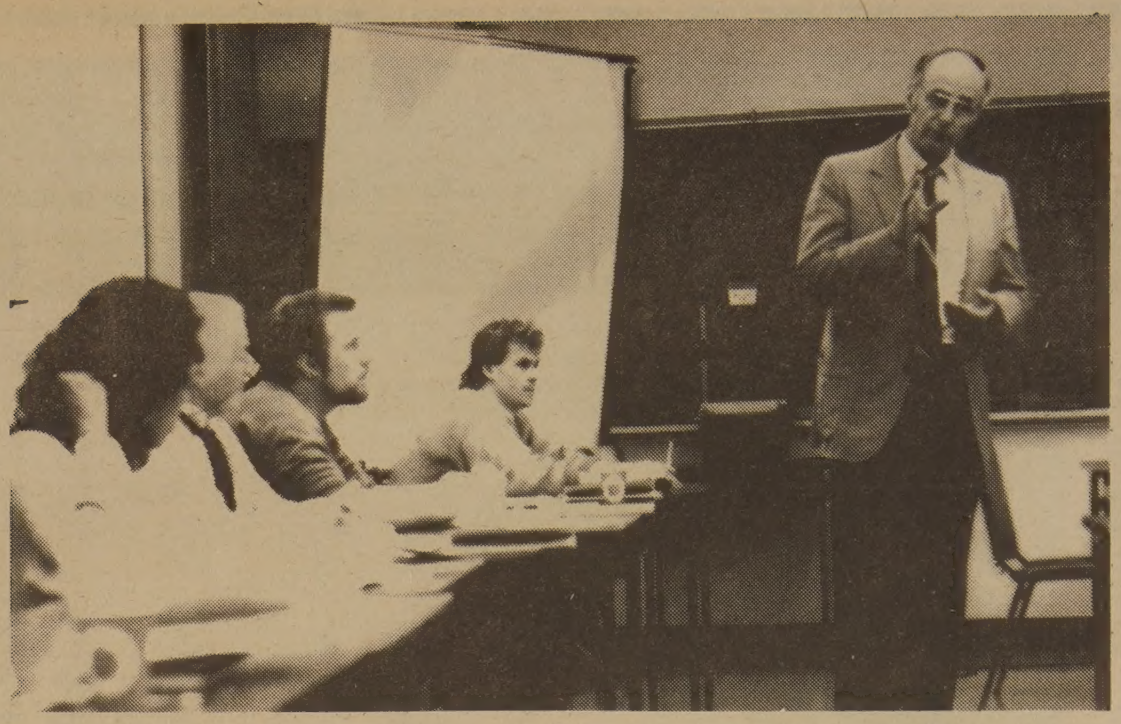

Gordon Randall, instructor of the real estate course, teaches the concepts of real estate to one of 12 yearly classes at the St. Catharines campus. The five-week course attracts people from varied backgrounds, including a teacher, builder, nurse, paralegal, housewives and many others.

Photo by Margaret Bartlett

Real Estate nerve-wracking

By MARGARET BARTLETT
Staff Writer

An Introduction to Real Estate is not a "Mickey Mouse" course, Gordon Randall, course instructor, said. Anyone thinking that it is just does not know about it.

"It is quite a challenge," he said. "We cover a lot or material in a short time."

Mr. Randall is chairman of the Ontario Real Estate Association Education Committee and was involved in developing the course. He has always been deeply involved in education. "I feel that this is an opportunity to give something back to the industry and I really enjoy teaching," he said.

The students are tested after the first week and must receive 75 per cent to continue in the course. It was very intimidating to write the exam and wait for one hour for the results, Marion Gardiner, a student in the course, said.

It is difficult to go back into the school system after 12 years, she said. "It was the most nerve-wracking experience since childbirth."

"Even after working five years for a builder and in the social housing sector I was surprised how deeply involved the course is," Marion said.

The class has been taught the Real Estate and Business Brokers Act, estimating and valuing, municipal planning, sub-division control, mortgaging, property tax, contract law, property rights, financing and conveyancing.

She is busy renovating the eight-unit apartment building she owns with her family and finds it difficult trying to juggle a family, husband, school and buisness interests. But, she finds the course interesting and challenging.

" I'm enjoying meeting the people; there is such a wide cross section of people here that wouldn't be in this kind of system," she said.

"Real estate was a natural choice for me because it's an area that I'm familiar with. I've always worked in the housing sector.

She said she would appreciate the flexibility and freedom that a career in real estate would bring."

Mr. Randall said, "This is an excellent consumer education course. We teach theory and legality of real estate; there is no sales training in this course."

There has been a heavy demand for this course in the last couple of years. Twelve courses are taught each year; previosly only six were offered.

"There is always room for good people in the business," he said. "The cream rises to the top and those with the right temperament will be successful."

Sandra MacNeill is changing careers; she was a nurse for 20 years and tried all fields of nursing. "I had enough," she said. "I didn't like the lack of control in nursing and I don't see it changing."

This is a big risk for a big result, but it's fun. You know taking the risk is better than what you're doing."

"I believe in myself and my abilities; I'm not intimidated by this," she said.

Sandra considers herself lucky because her family is very supportive, but it was not an easy to do. Her family gave up their economic security and took a big drop in income but she expects to make more money ain real estate than she ever made in nursing.

"If you want something badly enough you can work out how to do it."

Frank Kar has been talking about taking the course for the past three years, so when he was laid off from his electronics job recently, he decided to use the time wisely by joining the course.

He beleives that real estate people should be committed to their vocation by working full-time. There is no point in being a part-time agent. "You get out of it what you put into it," he said.

He is accustomed to working away from his wife and two children so he will not mind the jumbled hours that real estate can bring. "It will give me more freedom to set my free hours to my own use."

The real estaste program was developed by the Ontario Real Estate Association but there is a tri-party relationship among them, the government and the college which supplies the space and registers the students.

The five-week course is in three segments and runs at the St. Cathatines campus. The first gives a general overview of the benefits and limitations of ownership of real estate and outlines the requirements needed to be a registered salesperson.

Realistic employees find $ at the top

Inquisitiveness, wanting to learn and being realistic about a job are most important qualities, Dan Reeve, a manager who spoke to retail management students on Jan. 21, said.

"Don't expect to be handed everything on a silver platter because it doesn't work that way; be realistic," he said. Mr. Reeve is the store manager of Kinney Shoes in the Lime Ridge Mall in Hamilton.

Mr. Reeve feels that he tells it as it is in the workforce because he thinks that too often instructors make working seem a lot better than it may turn out to be.

"Employers need people like you who are hungry, ambitious and determined to make a name for themselves in a firm."

Students should concentrate on getting their resumes to be the best and most original an employer has seen to get that all-important interview.

FIND OUT

If one does get an interview, Mr. Reeve stresses the need for legwork to find out what a company is all about and, during the interview, "get him (the interviewer) to be specific; get him to commit as much as you can."

Keeping a job or trying to move up in the ranks of a company is something that requires basic skills and planning ahead.

"Your work starts once you have a job; work to keep it and to be promoted," Mr. Reeve said. "Keep abreast of what's happening, even within the industry. There is no such thing as just a sales person."

Most people start off part time, go to full time and then continue moving their way up the ranks.

"The money to be made is at the top — for example, a buyer, manager or personnel man."

LOOK AHEAD

Instead of getting caught up in saying,"I'm only going to make $5 per hour," one should look at "where you're going a year from now."

The skills learned on a job can apply anywhere and sometimes these have to be learned the hard way — from an employer who is unenthused about his store and his product.

"You can, however, learn just as much from an unenthused person," Mr. Reeve said. "You can say 'Where can I go, what can I do and can this person help me?"

One should always try to learn everything one can, but it "is good to be loyal too," he said.

Minister visits

The deputy minister of skills development, Glenna Carr, will be visiting Niagara College Friday, March 4. She is making a point of visiting each college to meet with some of its people. "We are very pleased she is coming," Jacqueline Robarts, college president, said. A schedule of events for the visit will be made up later.

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The Niagara Division of the Canadian Railway Historical Association will be holding its monthly meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 24, 1988 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 201, Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School, St. Catharines. The school is located on Dennis Morris Drive, ½ mile east of Glenridge Avenue. The program for the evening will include the following slide presentations: Wabash and New York Central in Southern Ontario — by Reg Button; CNR Steam Locomotives A to Z — by Andy Panko, and Snowploughs in New Brunswick — by Ken Gansel.

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